

**COOPERATION WITH AGENCIES
THAT ARE NOT IN THE STATEWIDE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM.**

The AZRSA has cooperative agreements with agencies NOT in the Statewide Workforce Investment System, as follows:

- 1. Clear Path:** Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Phoenix (COP).

This program provided training and employment opportunities with the COP for individuals with disabilities who reside in the City of Phoenix. Use of third party match funds from the COP had made the AZRSA's involvement possible. This program has been discontinued as of April 15, 2008 due to budget restrictions involving the City of Phoenix.
- 2. Persons with Serious Mental Illness (SMI):** Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the AZRSA and the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services.

This agreement coordinates services to mutual clients, assigning Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) counselors to work with behavioral health clinical teams throughout the state.
- 3. Youth Offenders:** Interagency Service Agreements (ISA) between the AZRSA and the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, the Maricopa County Juvenile Probation and the Arizona Administrative Office of the Court. The ISA between AZRSA and the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections ended on June 30, 2008 due to budget restrictions. AZRSA will be meeting with officials of that department to review referral processes for youth with disabilities served by that department.

The AZRSA maintains these ISAs to enable the VR program to provide services to youth offenders with disabilities.
- 4. Native American:** Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Navajo Nation Tribal Rehabilitation Program, the Tohono O'odham Nation Tribal Rehabilitation Program, the White Mountain Apache Tribal VR Program, the Fort Mohave Tribal VR Program, and the Hopi Tribal VR Program.

These agreements are for coordination and cooperation between the AZRSA and these Section 121 recipients.
- 5. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Recipients:** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Employment Administration.

The AZRSA has expanded its agreements with the Department of Economic Security's (DES) Employment Services to facilitate Welfare to Work activities in the state. The partnership assists recipients of TANF Cash Assistance who are disabled to better access the Vocational Rehabilitation program through referrals from their contractor provider with the JOBS program. The AZRSA reviews and consults with contractor staff on individual cases, provides training to staff about vocational rehabilitation and disability awareness issues, and provides VR services to eligible individuals referred by the contractor.

- 6. Persons with Industrial Injuries:** ISA with the Industrial Commission of Arizona (ICA).
The AZRSA's agreement with ICA serves work-injured individuals who meet the qualifications of both agencies. The ICA contributes funding, which is used to match federal dollars to serve work-injured individuals in the state.
- 7. Persons with Developmental Disabilities:** Agreement with the DES Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).
This agreement provides for the cooperation and coordination in the referral and provision of services to persons with developmental disabilities that can benefit from VR services, but will require ongoing employment supports from DDD.
- 8. Foster Children in the Young Adult Program:** Agreement with the DES Division of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).
This agreement provides for the cooperation and coordination in the referral and provision of services to young adults who are preparing for independent living. These young adults are involved with the foster care program in the Division of Children, Youth and Families and are in need of vocational services as part of their transition to adulthood.
- 9. Veterans Administration:** Agreement with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR).
This agreement will benefit Arizona veterans by allowing each system to provide those services that are within its scope and that complement the services provided by the other system.
- 10. Comprehensive Transition Services for Individuals with Visual Impairments:**
Contracts with four vendors who provide comprehensive adjustment services to youth in transition who have visual impairments.

Comprehensive Adjustment Programs include training in mobility, communication, personal and home management, use of assistive technology, plus self advocacy necessary to a successful transition to the world of work.